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KOREA: Pyongyang has reaffirmed that it opposes any moves toward a two-Koreas settlement.

Reacting sharply to the recent announcement of a new and more flexible South Korean foreign policy, Kim Il-sung on 23 June insisted that North and South Korea should not enter the United Nations separately, but that any discussion of the Korean question at the UN this fall should include a North Korean observer.

Kim flatly rejected membership in the world body until a "confederation" of the two states is achieved. He is still reluctant to give up entirely any prospect of reunification on Communist terms and is concerned that a dual-membership formula could win broad international support for a permanent division of the peninsula.

To offset the effect of South Korea's moderation, Kim recited a litany of complaints against Seoul for the present impasse in the North-South talks. Echoing much that has already been said by the Communist side in the stalled negotiations, he again called for a mutual reduction in armed forces, the withdrawal of US troops, an end to US military assistance, and an expansion of contacts between the peoples of the North and South.

He expressed particular concern over the degree to which big-power politics could affect the Korean situation, charging that Washington tries to "maintain colonial domination by suppressing small countries, while improving its relations with big ones." Nevertheless, Chou En-lai quickly offered "firm" support for the views expressed by Kim.

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CANADA: Some Canadian officials, citing the possibility of US export controls on agricultural products, think that Ottawa should take measures to reduce the vulnerability of the Canadian economy to developments in the United States. These officials and Canadian agricultural circles are especially concerned about the availability of US soybean meal for cattle feed. The Canadian business press sees damage to the reputation of the US as a reliable supplier. Domestic pressures may mount to cut back Canadian energy exports to the United States in retaliation for potential reductions in US agricultural sales.

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